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Success is in the Balance

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WE as members of this Advent movement must measure up to the responsibilities with which God has entrusted us. To have been given such a task at such a time as this indicates the confidence that God has placed in us. We read in *Desire of Ages*, page 668:

"The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them. He has a use for them, and He is well pleased when they make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises."

In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, which has made such a wonderful start this year, we are discovering that God is guiding and leading individuals here and there to shoulder a heavy load. In many instances they have taken more than their share of the task. We are indeed happy at the thought that our members are willing at this time to do all they can. Surely this is indicated by the fact that for our first bulletin we were able to report over forty per cent of the goal reached.

This does not mean, of course, that we can rest on our oars: it means that the success of this great enterprise is in the balance, that the balance which is still to be brought in will determine the success that will come to us this year.

Listen to these words from one of our evangelists: "I must tell you that one of our new members has collected over £16. She is the daughter of the ex-mayor of —. She intends to get £20." Is this not an indication of the spirit that is captivating many of our new members? But we also find that members who have been with us for many years have caught the same spirit of service and are achieving wonderful results.

We think of one elderly member who is now over eighty years of age, who has physical infirmity, and yet year by year not only reaches his individual goal of £2, but goes away beyond, even to as much as £25. Already this year he has collected more than £10.

This spirit of service does not apply only to those getting on in years. Our young people have caught the inspiration and are determined to play their part nobly. Even the little ones are helping. In a report just received from one of our ministers, he states that his eldest boy, working with him, collected over £12, while the other two children each collected over £1.

Here is another illustration of how the young people are helping. "One little boy of but twelve years of age who, with his mother, accepted the truth and was baptized last February, has already collected

over £6 and is still hard at it." This word reaches us from the Irish Free State, where it is very difficult to collect.

All over the field we see indications of a deep desire on the part of our members to reach the goal in record time this year. Remember that we have done well, but also, that "success is in the balance."

Let us take courage from these words which we quote from *Prophets and Kings*, page 263:

"When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result. In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward, will be the success given."

Now what is the balance? Look at the bulletin on the last page of this issue of the MESSENGER, and you will see just where we stand.

What is the balance needed in your church or company? Bringing it nearer still, What about the balance that you should get? We believe that you are ready to do your part. Do not fail us, for "success is in the balance."

Here is something to the point:

"I won't" is a tramp,
"I can't" is a quitter,
"I don't know" is too lazy,
"I wish I could" is a wisher,
"I might" is waking up,
"I will try" is on his feet,
"I can" is on his way,
"I push" is at his work,
"I did" is now on the Honour Roll.
Where are you?

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Home Missionary Department Report, 1937

THE Home Missionary Department both in conference and church is responsible for fostering the active evangelical endeavour of the churchmembers. Its report represents in a measure the response of the church to our Master's invitation to labour in His vineyard. The more faithful the members and appointed officers are in reporting the work done, the more accurately does the conference report correlate with the actual service given.

To give a report of missionary activity of over fifty churches and companies for a year necessitates brevity.

The work of the Home Missionary officers in the churches is considerable, and we would like to express our appreciation of the services of the leaders and secretaries who served us so unsparingly during 1937.

The total church membership in January, 1937, was 2,829, an increase of 116 over 1936 and 234 more than in 1935. Of this number only 1,433, or about fifty per cent, were active in missionary work, which fact calls to mind the message to the church found in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 117, and Vol. 6, page 438. "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." "Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue."

Early in the year we invited our members to join the Win One League, praying and working, that by the grace of God they might each be the means of winning at least one soul to Christ during the year. Nearly 200 of these little

cards were signed, and we believe that the fact that at least twenty-six new members were baptized as the definite result of the work of churchmembers is an indication that God honoured, as He always does, such consecration.

During the year our members and young people—for we must not forget that the report of Home Missionary work includes that done by the youth—held over 1,400 cottage meetings, gave nearly 3,300 Bible readings, and paid 18,600 missionary visits. We notice that just over 2,000 persons were brought to Sabbath-school, evangelistic or other meetings. We feel sure these 2,000 souls obtained a blessing in the house of God. This surely is a service in which all can engage. If every churchmember had just brought one person a month to hear the Word of God, we should be able to report not that 2,000 had received a message, but that about 34,000 had done so.

During 1937 over 26,000 people were helped, an increase of more than 1,000 over the previous year, and 7,000 more than in 1935. There was also an increase in the number of treatments given, the figure for 1937 being 3,680.

The Tract Campaign and the Missions Extension Campaign both contributed to the good increase in the quantity of literature distribution, the total being over 365,000 copies of our periodicals and tracts.

Our evangelists have found the churchmembers ever willing to help in the free distribution of handbills, thus saving many pounds to the cause. Over 410,000 bills were thus distributed during 1937, which represents a saving in the expense of running the efforts of over £100.

With what excitement we awaited week by week from the churches the reports of Harvest Ingathering work—and with what interest were our weekly bulletins received by the members Sabbath

by Sabbath! Week after week the figures rose, and we indeed hoped that we would reach our goal within the allotted time—by the end of October. We only failed to do so by less than £100. Nevertheless those churches which had not reached their goals continued to work, and by the end of the year the record sum of £5,071 had been collected.

Let us this year determine, by the grace and blessing of God, to close up our campaign with the full goal reached by the *eighth report*, on October 23rd, so that the undivided attention of ministry and laity may then be given to the winter evangelistic efforts.

Let us go away from this conference laden with God's spiritual blessings, determined to work more faithfully for Him. While we have the advantage of long days and good weather let us make good headway with our Harvest Ingathering Campaign so that on October 23rd we may report that the full conference goal has been reached. We believe that such a result would be of tremendous encouragement to our people throughout this conference. Let this be our aim:

"DO IT IN EIGHT WEEKS!"

E. R. WARLAND.



Sabbath-school Department Report, 1937

It is with a sense of the blessing of God upon the Sabbath-school that we bring the report for 1937, during which year special attention was paid to this department with the object of increasing the efficiency of the teachers and the effectiveness of the school. We read in *Testimonies on Sabbath-school work*, pages 20, 29, that the "Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effective in bringing souls to Christ." "The Sabbath-school, when rightly managed, possesses a marvellous power and is adapted to doing a great work."

At the beginning of the year we launched the special Sabbath-school Workers' Course, the textbook for which was *Testimonies on Sab-*

bath-school Work, supplemented by a series of lessons prepared by Pastor W. T. Bartlett. Nearly 200 of our Sabbath-school teachers and others enrolled for this course, and we feel sure that the prayerful study of the books has proved a great blessing to our schools.

At the beginning of 1937 our church membership was 2,829, the Sabbath-school membership 2,852. This might appear to indicate that our Sabbath-schools embraced our entire church membership. But this is not so, for included in the Sabbath-school membership are a number of children, and others not yet baptized. Two years ago 622 members of our churches were not enrolled in the Sabbath-school, and we have aimed steadily to reduce this figure so that the average number not enrolled in 1937 was 552.

When we come to look at the matter of offerings, we have many reasons for encouragement. No less than £3,037 was given by our faithful believers during 1937, which reaches well over £1 from every member in the conference. In fact, this is the highest figure we have ever reached in Sabbath-school offerings, and a gain of £294 over 1936.

In closing this report we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Sabbath-school officers and teachers throughout our many schools. We pray that God's continued blessing may rest upon this department of the church, that it may be the means in His hands of winning souls to Christ.

E. R. WARLAND.



Missionary Volunteer Department Report, 1937

THE youth of the Advent movement represents its vital force in the years before us, for it is from this source that we must find the workers and church officers of the future. Our present example and their present training will largely determine their ability to bear these responsibilities when older workers are compelled to relinquish them.

The world to-day presents unprecedented perils for our youth and worldly attractions which no

previous age has ever known. On the other hand, the open door of opportunity stands before youth to-day. In business, in commerce, in politics, in professional life, we find young men and young women playing an increasingly more important role and bearing successfully heavier responsibilities than the previous generation.

"I have written unto you, young men," said the beloved apostle, himself the most youthful of the twelve, and now ripened by age and experience, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are *strong*." This cause needs the strength and vigour of youth. We should therefore give increased attention to our most precious heritage, our young people. Youth is the growing point of the Advent cause no less in the beloved homeland than in the needy mission fields, and we do well to encourage and train this most profitable source of ability and energy.

If you look at the figures in the report sheets, you will see how we stand as compared with last year. We thank God for the very considerable improvement over the report two years ago. In round figures, our youth have held 500 cottage meetings, given 750 Bible readings, paid 3,000 missionary visits, helped over 13,000 people, distributed 95,000 tracts and periodicals, and saved the evangelists well over £50 in their operating budgets by the free distribution of handbills. We are glad to notice that the offerings for local work are double those of 1936, and that no less than £106 was given for our foreign mission work, an increase of £19 over the previous year.

Twenty-three young people were baptized during the year. Unless our various lines of activity hold our youth to the cause; unless our Christian endeavour results in souls won to the kingdom, we have reason to give most prayerful attention to the problem of our youth. We naturally rejoice to see our evangelists and other workers winning increasingly large numbers of people to the Lord. Let us do all we can for the young people they win.

As in all phases of our work, we often find the fruitage of one

year's labour in the following year, and this will be so with our young people's work. One of the most encouraging features of our 1937 holiday camp, which was attended by over 120 people, was that fifteen young people gave their hearts to the Lord at that time. Arrangements were made for these to enter baptismal classes. In the case of some isolated ones, we sent studies and letters to them regularly. We are most happy to report that ten of these have already been baptized and several others expect to follow them before the close of the present year. During 1938 our attention has been concentrated upon our young people's work, and if time permitted we would be glad to tell of the special youth campaigns which have been held, of the interest shown in the Progressive Courses since the appreciated visit of Pastor C. L. Bond last year, and of other encouraging features of the 1938 M.V. work.

We must, by the grace of God, hold to His cause the youth in our midst, and by His Spirit's power increase their numbers and efficiency in service. Thereby shall we reinforce the army of the Lord with stalwart soldiers for work in this field and also in the many lands afar awaiting the Gospel invitation. If this conference results in a greater interest throughout the field in our youth and in a determination on the part of us all, as conference workers, as church officers, as churchmembers, to take a more personal and individual interest in our young people—the church of to-morrow—then our coming together will certainly not have been in vain. May God help us to do so.

E. R. WARLAND.



The Second Ipswich Baptism

WE must never forget that we, as a people, exist simply to give to others the message that has done so much for us. God forbid that we should ever be content to hold to ourselves what we have gained in past years. We owe a great debt to the regions beyond; a debt it is incumbent upon us to discharge as quickly as possible, that every soul may be warned of the return of our Saviour.

It is then with much joy and praise to God that we record the progress of the work of God in what was, less than two years ago, new ground for the preaching of our message. Once more we found it necessary to seek the hospitality of our believers in Lowestoft, and to their credit we record their joyful readiness to welcome us to their homely church.

And so Sunday, June 19th, found us once more journeying to Lowestoft, glad that another opportunity had arrived to present to the Lord fruits of His grace in the lives of men and women. There were seven candidates for baptism, and one who was to be received into membership by vote. Another was added by vote at the organization of the church on Sabbath, June 25th. Pastor L. A. Watson gave a heart-searching address to the candidates, and Pastor J. M. Howard carried out the baptism. The Spirit of the Lord was very near, and many hearts were touched and more vows of consecration made than those that came from the candidates. After the baptism all the candidates were voted into membership and given the right hand of fellowship.

We take this opportunity of recording that God's hand has been over us right through our recent campaign. Many more are deeply stirred by the preaching of this message, and we confidently look forward to another baptism in September. For all these things we ascribe glory and honour to God, for the work has been His. He has honoured us by using us to present the message. A word of thanks and praise is due here to the members of the Ipswich church who have proved so loyal and helpful in distributing handbills, visiting, and praying for the success of God's work in Ipswich.

A. J. and K. E. MUSTARD.



His Truth is Marching On

JUNE 18th was for the Bourne-mouth church a red-letter day. Much careful work had been done and preparation made. Anticipation ran high. Why? It was known that soon the fruitage of a winter's evangelistic work in this district would appear to gladden

the hearts of all, especially those who had prayed and worked for the harvest, and those who had held the fort at home while their leader ploughed new soil and found new treasures such as make all heaven rejoice—souls of men surrendered to the will of God. On this day eleven people, in presenting themselves for baptism, made a public announcement of their decision and covenanted with their Creator to follow in His steps.

At the preliminary service in the morning Brother G. R. Bell directed our thoughts to the goal of our high calling and exhorted all, though the road be full of peril and pitfalls, to keep in mind the call in Revelation 2:25: "Hold fast till I come." He reminded us that ours is a day of the preaching of many doctrines, and that we, like the apostles during their missionary work, should be able to detect and repudiate any doctrine foreign to that of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This led us to realize the necessity of continuing to hold fast the truth "till He come." Yesterday's experience is not sufficient for today. We, "being the children of the prophets (through Christ) and of the covenant which God made with our fathers . . . and thus the fulfilment of the prophecy," must rise to meet the needs of our day and be about our Father's business.

The baptismal service was held in the afternoon, preceded by a short period of community hymn-singing. Pastor R. S. Joyce, who came especially for the occasion, addressed both candidates and congregation, basing his talk on Psalm 68:13 in conjunction with Psalm 81:6.

The significance of baptism was shown as also the necessity of continuing without defiling our baptismal robes and of building not on our own weak and faulty characters, but on God's gift to us of His own attributes and graces. We were urged to pray for the sealing of our new colleagues, that they with us should ever acknowledge one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Pastor Joyce then conducted the baptism, after which each candidate was welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

Pastor Joyce presented each candidate with a copy of *Steps to Christ*, the condition being that each read it, and "be thoroughly furnished" to contend with a devil who would be more subtle than ever in his bid for a soul that had successfully struggled out of his net. A clarion note of warning was sounded when we were reminded how Satan, under God's very own eyes, drew to his side one-third of the heavenly host.

Brother Bell told how hard had been the struggle in some cases, and what deep-seated obstacles had been overcome to make the truth triumphant. In some the seed had lain buried for two or three years; in one soul as long as twenty-six years. In another case there was a distinct leading to a home by the Holy Spirit, without any apparent human intervention. Other similar experiences were related, and a happy, though heart-searching, time ended with an expression on the part of all for a further baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to work with greater power toward the "hasting to the day of the Lord."

In confirmation of the covenant entered into the hymn, "My Jesus, I love Thee," was sung and Pastor Joyce expressed the joy and gratitude of all in the knowledge that God was blessing the work of Brother and Sister Bell in our district, and that the lay people were co-operating so heartily with the ministry. The singing of the closing hymn, "Draw me nearer," reminded us again that we must not attempt to stand still but ever continue on toward perfection. Thus closed a service of solemn consecration and a time of blessing for all.

It is gratifying to know that before next winter another baptismal service is anticipated.

HILDA M. FISK, *Church Clerk.*



Do not let us waste our time in *defending* the churches. Let us get down to our proper business, that of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words, our deeds, our whole lives, and by our sympathy, patience, and courage bring its meaning and its treasure to men's minds and hearts.—*Rev. M. E. Aubrey.*

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Notes from the President

PASTOR H. W. McCrow has recently moved from Dundee to join the force of workers in the North Conference, being located in Birmingham.

PASTOR A. F. BIRD has moved to Northampton to open up work in this large centre.

IN the near future Pastor S. G. Joyce will begin work in Coventry.

ON September 12th Brother D. J. Clarke and Miss D. Taylor, both members of our working force, were united in marriage and are locating on Tyneside to continue life's journey together.

WE are looking forward to the arrival of Brother B. E. Sparrow to take over our departments by September 30th.

PASTOR L. MURDOCH has now located in Hull to take up the work of Pastor J. A. McMillan, who has been transferred to the leadership of the Scottish Mission. Five were baptized from his work in Hull before he left, and others will go forward in this ordinance a little later.

BEFORE our recent conference five young ladies were baptized in Birmingham; three as a result of Brother R. A. Freeth's work, and two were brought forward by Brother Lewis. Another baptism is to follow a little later, the fruits of the work in Kidderrainster.

NINE were baptized and added by vote in Leeds, where Brother J. C. French is labouring. Three of these came from Wakefield, where Sister Adair is located.

LET me express my deep appreciation to all Harvest Ingathering workers in the North Conference who have contributed to the splendid total of £1,144 in our first report. This is a gain of £209 over 1937, and the first time we have

ever gone over the £1,000 mark by the first week.

WE wish to thank our faithful membership for making it possible to report £530 increase in tithe by the close of August. Without doubt this will be the best year in tithe income that we have ever experienced.

THE gain in literature sales is £1,882 to the end of August, and is about the best, we believe, for the whole of the Northern European Division.

WE ask the prayers of the MESSENGER family that we may also see a good harvest of souls by the close of the year.

O. M. DORLAND.



Home Missionary Department Report, 1937

H. T. JOHNSON. Good morning, Brother Sparrow! On behalf of our members and young people we extend to you a very hearty welcome to the departmental work of the North England Conference and trust that God may bless you as you head up these very important branches of His work.

WE have a very loyal band of conference workers who are always keenly interested in this work and who, together with a faithful membership, have made 1937 a year of good progress under the blessing and guidance of God.

B. E. SPARROW. Thank you for your welcome. I am looking forward with keen interest to linking up with the work here. Could you tell me something of the work? How is the Sabbath-school progressing?

H.T.J. I am glad that you mention the Sabbath-school, for it should take the premier place in our church life, where all ages are cared for, from the Cradle Roll to the Home Division. Our Sabbath-school membership in December, 1937, stood at 1,817, which was

slightly lower than in 1936, and unfortunately there was a slight increase in the missing members—that is, church members not enrolled in the Sabbath-school. There are still 381 who, for various reasons, do not attach themselves to the school. We are very concerned about this, Brother Sparrow, for such absentees are certainly standing upon slippery ground. Our churches are endeavouring this year to gather in as many as possible.

B.E.S. Yes, we must do what we can to encourage all to participate in the blessings of this study period.

H.T.J. I am glad to tell you that the finances of the Sabbath-school are good. There was an increase of £69 over 1936, and our members are taking a keen interest in the special offerings. The Birthday Gifts increased by nine shillings; the Investment Fund by £1. 1s. 8d. The Home Division members brought in £144. 2s. 2d., which was an increase of £15. 10s. 1d.

B.E.S. Do you find that many qualify for credits?

H.T.J. Yes. We issued 943 Quarterly Credits. These are for perfect study and attendance all through the quarter.

THE young people and juniors in the schools are being cared for by men and women who have a special interest in our youth.

B.E.S. I suppose that as a result of the blessings received from the study of the Word, most of our members take part in one or more of the church's activities?

H.T.J. Yes. The reports we receive of church activities are very encouraging, and last year a large percentage of our membership reported. We still believe there is much work done which is not reported. We hope that all will report their activities to the glory of God.

THERE were 1,550 Bible readings given, an increase of 341. Our members made altogether 8,497 missionary visits, and then we have quite a number who are qualified to give simple treatments. In fact, there was an increase of 329 in treatments over 1936—2,236 in all.

Our literature work continues to grow. We are glad of this because

in the giving of the message this stands out foremost. Our members gave out no less than 228,955 pieces. This includes our magazines and books. In connection with our Win One Campaign of 1937, there were 811 group or cottage meetings.

B.E.S. That sounds very interesting and there surely is a splendid band of workers here in the North. Tell me, what are the actual results in souls won to the truth as a result of all this activity?

H.T.J. It is very difficult to put down in figures, as much of the result of such work will only be seen in eternity. However, we do know of fifty-two souls who were baptized in 1937 as a direct result of the work of our lay brethren and sisters.

B.E.S. That is fine! God is certainly blessing every effort put forth in His name.

H.T.J. Yes, there is no question about that. And He lends us heavenly aid. Only recently I was rereading the book, *Education*, when I found this wonderfully encouraging passage:

"All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices and work by their hands. And the human agencies, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience."

I would like to tell you something of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign of 1937. It was the best we have ever had. We reached the full total of £3,400 by the eighth report, and altogether £3,707. 12s.-6d. was brought in by our faithful members.

But of all the thrills of a thrilling campaign was the time we spent at Newbold. You must get there for the 1938 drive. The faculty and students raised no less than £500, and most of this in three days. You should have seen those happy, excited young folk as they returned and waited for the count. It rejoiced my heart and I knew that the prophecy of the psalmist had come true:

"Willingly come Thy people in the day of Thy power. In holy at-

tire come Thy youth before Thee as the dew of the morning." Psa. 110:3 (German).

B.E.S. That is a magnificent achievement and would appear to be almost the limit.

H.T.J. Oh no, the Seventh-Day Adventist of the North is true to his kind—always progressing, always adding to.

B.E.S. That's encouraging. Now tell me more about the work of these young folk.

H.T.J. With pleasure. We have in our churches and among our isolated members 651 young people—that is 393 seniors and 258 juniors. Banded together in our societies we have 617 young people under the age of thirty. This means that we have one young person to every three adults. They are an active, responsive army of youth, mostly working under hard and trying circumstances here in the great industrial centres. The instruction they receive in Sabbath-school and the society meetings has resulted in the giving of 524 Bible studies in 1937, an increase of 185 over the previous year. They took over 300 friends to the various meetings, gave away clothing to the extent of 315 garments, an increase of 107, and were very busy letter-writing. Over 1,214 missionary letters went out from our youth in 1937. They were also responsible for bringing in £795 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and gave in their society meetings £38 for missions.

We must not forget to mention that the young folk have taken quite a keen interest in the progressive study course this year. A number have received their badges signifying that they have met the requirements of the particular class in which they have studied.

Then we must not forget our Camp at Silecroft. We had a very blessed time with our youth. Heaven came very near to us there and showers of blessings descended. Many took their stand for the first time. One particular case I shall always remember, for through it I saw a demonstration of the marvellous truth that He can "save to the uttermost and from the uttermost all that come to Him." No sacrifice is too great to send our youth to a holiday

camp under these conditions—ideal surroundings, ideal company, and a leadership that knows the way.

B.E.S. There is certainly a splendid body of youth here in the North.

H.T.J. Yes, that is true. But the most encouraging feature of our young people's work is the fact that in 1937 there were seventy-eight young people under the age of thirty baptized. We thank God for such an army of youth and take courage for the future.

Our youth are a blessed heritage from the Lord and they will appreciate your enthusiastic leadership, Brother Sparrow. They are responsive, they are loyal to the cause and to Jesus, but like us all, they are not perfect yet, and to work with our young people calls for patience, tact, sympathy. Like the prophet of old, we must be able to say, "I sat where they sat." You will get the right perspective from that position.

In *Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 196, we read:

"Shall the youth be left to drift hither and thither to become discouraged and to fall into temptations that are everywhere lurking to catch their unwary feet? There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. *God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril.*"

May God grant us such men and women in our churches that our own boys and girls may be saved for His coming kingdom and that many may also be saved in their youth from the world.

B.E.S. Thank you, Brother Johnson, for the very encouraging facts that you have given in your report. We look forward to a very happy time with our youth and adult members here in North England.

H.T.J. I am sure that you will enjoy the work here. Our members are a warm-hearted and willing people. I would like to say in closing that although my stay has been brief, I have enjoyed every moment of a busy two years. I would render to our heavenly Father, to Jesus and to His good Spirit, all praise

and glory for any measure of success or progress that it has been my lot to enjoy and my heartfelt appreciation to our loyal office staff, to our splendid band of conference workers and to a loyal, faithful membership. May Heaven's richest blessing accompany every effort put forth in His name.



Recent Harvest Ingathering Experiences

"I HAVE had some encouraging experiences, one being in connection with a Drill Hall here, where I called. The gentleman in charge, Sergeant B—, gave me a donation of 1/- and then offered (if I cared to bring a spare box) to do what he could to collect money for our missions on a certain special evening at the Hall. I accepted his kind offer, took the box, and called for it later, the results being very gratifying, and more than I had dared to hope, viz., 10/9.

"I have also had another offer from a young man in charge of the Accommodation Bureau. I left a box with him, and am hoping for good results from this, too.

"There have been other encouraging incidents, and I will just mention one here. I was very disappointed at being refused at a certain hotel where I was given 2/- last year. The lady assured me that they would have given if they could; she was very nice about it. So I went on and prayed about it, asking the Lord that He would in some way make it up, if possible, in that same avenue. It was a comparatively short road and the houses were only on the one side. I came to the end one, not having had very much success. However, while at this last house the lady handed me 1/-, then two other ladies in the same house gave me 1/6 between them, making a total of 2/6, which was sixpence more than the 2/- that I was so disappointed about not getting.

"I thanked the Lord for this answer to prayer, and for the encouragement."



The Catholic Lady's Reply

"No, thank you," she replied, after I had canvassed her with *Wonders*. "I'm a Catholic."

"Oh, the magazine is for both Protestants and Catholics, too," I said. "In these days of unbelief and atheism it is good to know that the Catholics believe in the Holy Trinity, the divinity of the Lord Jesus, and in the Blessed Virgin. And we do, too. You will be interested in this magazine!"

"All right. I'll take one!" she answered. A.W.

Wedding Bells

BATES-BROWN.—If "east is east and west is west and ne'er the twin shall meet," north and south sometimes do. They did on Sunday, August 14th, at Bournemouth, when Miss Margaret Ruby Brown was united in matrimony to Mr. Percy Bates, of Manchester, by Pastor S. G. Hyde.

The wedding was a unique occasion in other ways, for these two young people were both reared in the Advent fellowship, both are in the Government Educational Service, and both are indefatigable in their service to the church. Moreover their wedding was the first to be solemnized in the newly-acquired Bournemouth church. For this latter reason, it was fitting that Pastor F. S. Jackson, the late pastor at Bournemouth, took a share in the conduct of the service.

Both families were fully represented, including the parents of the bride and the father of the bridegroom and, with the guests, were royally entertained at a subsequent reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bates will set up home in Welwyn Garden City, to which town the bridegroom was recently transferred from Manchester.

The best wishes and prayers of a host of friends will follow these new recruits to the growing army of home-makers in our Advent fellowship. S. GEORGE HYDE.

At Rest

HOLLIS.—In the early hours of Sabbath, July 30, 1938, Sister Jane Hollis, one of the earliest members of the Bournemouth church, at the age of forty-seven, passed quietly into her long sleep to await the call of the Life-giver to eternal life at the "resurrection of the just." Her loyalty to the truth and her spirit of quiet generosity were most marked. She held firmly to the principles she embraced twenty-eight years ago, and her faith was strong to the end. She was laid to rest in the North Cemetery, Bournemouth. One member only remains of her family—her brother—for whom our prayers ascend to the throne of grace.

HILDA M. FISK, *Church Clerk.*

MORRIS.—Sister Morris fell asleep on August 1, 1938, at the advanced age of eighty-three. She had been a faithful member of the Wolverhampton church. Sister Morris accepted the truth through Sister Welch, Sen., who used to take her *Present Truth*. She was baptized on November 22, 1922. The funeral service was conducted by Brother E. G. Gregory, the elder of the church. A. J. BEAZLEY, *Church Clerk.*

JONES.—Sister Ann Jones, who first met

with the Advent people in Australia, was baptized in Cardiff in 1932. At an advanced age and after a long illness she passed from her pilgrimage, and we laid her to rest on July 1, 1938, one of God's dear children, to await the great day of resurrection and reunion. Her son, Professor Jones, of Cardiff University, and his wife and children were the sole mourners at the interment. S. G. HYDE.

PEAT.—It is with regret we announce the passing of Sister Peat, aged eighty-six years, on Wednesday, July 20, 1938. Our sister was brought into the truth by Pastor E. E. Craven and baptized on June 26, 1926. Although prevented by illness from attending services, she was a faithful follower of the Saviour. Brother J. C. French conducted a short service in the home and performed the last rites at the graveside in Beeston Cemetery, on July 23rd. There our sister awaits the call of the Life-giver.

GWEN CLEE, *Church Clerk.*

BONSEY.—Sister A. S. E. Bonsey embraced the Advent truth almost three years ago, and sealed her vows in baptism, and was accepted into the Wood Green church. Since then until she fell asleep on July 16th, at the age of seventy, she was a faithful member, though latterly suffering much affliction. She indeed qualified for the application of the blessed word which says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We committed her mortal body to mother earth in the Tottenham Cemetery to await the glorious change to immortality at the coming of her Lord, whom having not seen she loved. A faithful husband remains to carry on the witness. J. H. PARKIN.

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